

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY JAKARTA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5290  
INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SREF  
SUBJECT: INDONESIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD REFUGEE BOAT CASES

REF: STATE 285319

1. REF CABLE STATES THAT AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON  
REPORTS THAT AUSTRALIANS CONCERNED OVER REFUSAL OF INDONESIANS  
AND OTHER NATIONS TO PERMIT LANDINGS BY REFUGEES ARRIVING  
BY BOAT..FORNOFF OFFICIAL DEALING WITH REFUGEES ARRIVING  
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INDONESIA HAS CONFIRMED AGAIN THAT OFFICIAL INDONESIAN  
POLICY IS TO GRANT FIRST ASYLUM TO ANY VIETNAMESE REFUGEE  
OR BOATLOAD OF REFUGEES REQUESTING SUCH.  
HE STATED ALSO THAT TOSE BOATS WHICH IN  
RECENT WEEKS HAVE ARRIVED INDONESIA AND CONTINUED ON  
TO AUSTRALIA HAVE DONE SO VOLUNTARILY AND BECAUSE  
AUSTRALIA WAS THE INTENDED DESTINATION

EVEN BEFORE ARRIVING INDONESIA. FORNOFF  
OFFICIAL OPINES THAT REASON FOR CHOOSING AUSTRALIA  
AS DESTINATION IS THAT REFUGEES KNOW THAT THEY WILL  
RECEIVE BETTER TREATMENT THAN IN OTHER NATIONS REACHABLE BY  
BOAT, AND BECAUSE THEY WILL BE ALLOWED TO RESETTLE  
AND NOT HERDED INTO CAMPS TO AWAIT FOR RESETTLEMENT OFFER FROM  
ANOTHER COUNTRY.

2. EMBASSY HAS NO REASON TO DOUBT SINCERITY OF INDONESIAN  
PUBLIC POLICY. IF INTERVIEWS WITH THOSE REFUGEES  
ARRIVING AUSTRALIA REVEALS THAT THEY WERE REFUSED  
LANDING BY INDONESIAN AUTHROTIES, EMBASSY WOULD  
APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED.  
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